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Post-Mortems on NIE 63.1-55, "Probable Developments in North Vietnam to July 1956"; NIE 63.2-55, "Probable Developments in Cambodia Through July 1956"; and NIE 63.3-55, "Probable Developments in Laos Through July 1956"

1. On 16 August, the IAC noted the principal intelligence gaps in the coverage of each area as follows:

- a. North Vietnam. With the exception of a few reports concerning the attitudes of the people in Hanoi, there were almost no reports concerning the reaction of the bulk of the population to Communist control.
- b. Cambodia. There exists practically no information concerning Communist activities, strength, or capabilities in Cambodia. While Communist strength in Cambodia is not believed to be significant at the present time, this is nevertheless an important deficiency.
- c. Laos. There is an almost complete lack of intelligence of any kind on the extent, nature, and capabilities of the Pathet Lao outside the two provinces that they occupy, and, except for order of battle, little information concerning the Pathet Lao within their two provinces.

2. Intelligence organizations of the IAC are requested to take appropriate remedial action.

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